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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/626,978	Applicant(s) HIMMEL ET AL.	
	Examiner Thjuan P Knowlin	Art Unit 2642	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

1. Claims 1-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lamb et al (US 6,747,970).
2. In regards to claims 1, 2, 11, 12, 21, 22, 29, and 30, Lamb discloses a system, method, and computer program product for administering a conference call, comprising: a invitation object, comprising: number information corresponding to a call-in number for a conference call; code information corresponding to a pass code necessary for entry into the conference call; and time information corresponding to a data and time of the conference call; and logic for establishing a connection to the conference call based upon the number information, the code information, and the time information (col. 38 Table 1 (331) authorization information and (334) call invitations, col. 54 lines 8-15, and col. 60 lines 4-17).
3. In regards to claims 3, 4, 5, 13, 14, 15, 23, 24, 25, 31, 32, and 33, Lamb discloses the conference call administration system, method, and computer program

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product, wherein the number information and the code information are encrypted (col. 38 Table 1 (331) authorization information).

4. In regards to claims 6 and 16, Lamb discloses the conference call administration system and method, wherein the invitation object is electronically transmitted to a prospective participant (col. 60 lines 4-17).

5. In regards to claims 7 and 17, Lamb discloses the conference call administration system and method, the invitation object further comprising a list of authorized participants of the conference call (col. 16 lines 25-42).

6. In regards to claims 8, 9, 19, 20, 27, 28, 35, and 36, Lamb discloses the conference call administration system, further comprising a calendar object to which the invitation object is attached for transmission to a prospective participant of the conference call (col. 60 lines 4-17).

7. In regards to claim 10, Lamb discloses the conference call administration system, the invitation object further comprising: contact information corresponding to a call coordinator (manager) for the conference call; and status information corresponding to current status of the conference call (col. 55 lines 19-34).

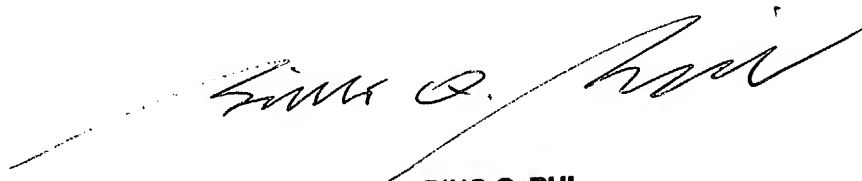
8. In regards to claims 18, 26, and 34, Lamb discloses the method and computer program product, further comprising the step of contacting the call coordinator for resolution of a failure to establish a connection to the conference call (col. 57-58 lines 37-5).

Conclusion

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9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Sawyer et al (US 6,324,271) teach a system and method for authentication of caller identification.
10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thjuan P Knowlin whose telephone number is (703) 308-1727. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00-4:30pm.
11. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (703)305-4731. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.
12. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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